

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-6 to read as follows:

- 1.(amended) A method for treating those septic disorders where the serum level of interleukin-6 increases in a measurement period of at least thirty minutes, which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a TNF antagonist.
- 2.(amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the serum level of interleukin-6 is 500 pg/ml and above in the measurement period.
- 3.(amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the measurement period is 4-10 hours.
- 25 4.(amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein an F(ab')₂ fragment of a monoclonal anti-TNF antibody is used as TNF antagonist.
- 5.(amended) A kit comprising a TNF antagonist together with instructions for the use of this TNF antagonist for treating septic disorders where the serum level of IL-6 increases in a measurement period of at least thirty minutes.
- 6.(amended) A kit as claimed in claim 5, wherein a monoclonal anti-TNF antibody is used as TNF antagonist.